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GENERAL ACCOUNT AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES Monday, May 3, 2004

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners at its regularly meeting of Monday, May 3, 2004, at 10:40 a.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Barger, and unanimously carried, recessed into Closed Session, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice Chairman Dan A. Hunsucker, Commissioners Glenn E. Barger, Barbara G. Beatty, and Lynn M. Lail.

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Mick W. Berry, Assistant County Manager Joellen Daley, County Attorney Robert Oren Eades, Staff Attorney Debra Bechtel, and County Clerk Thelda B. Rhoney.

North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney.

Media request for records

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy said *The Charlotte Observer* had made a request to read the County Manager's e-mails. Mr. Lundy requested that County Attorney Robert Oren Eades review the law with the Board to insure compliance.

County Attorney Eades, Commissioners and Staff discussed several issues raised by the request and County Attorney Eades advised the Board as to each of those issues.

At 11:10 a.m., the Board returned to regular session.